

Regular Issues of the American Bank Note Company

1879-1893

Exhibit Scope

The following exhibit illustrates the regular issue stamps produced by the American Bank Note Company from 1879-1893. The exhibit starts with the stamps after the American Bank Note Company took over from the Continental Bank Note Company in 1879, and concludes with the "Baby Bank Note" issues of 1890-1893. The American Bank Note Company stamps may be distinguished by the fact that they were printed on soft porous paper. This period, 1879-1893, is marked by many significant historical and philatelic events. Several rate changes occurred, as well as issuance of a stamp to memorialize the slain President Garfield. In addition, the American Bank Note Company was the last private company to print regular issue stamps for some time, because the Bureau of Engraving and Printing took over in 1894 and continued until 1965. Essays, plate proofs, color variations, fancy cancellations, multiples, plate flaws, and usage on cover are depicted.



brown
die Essay on india

orange
plate essay on india

Exhibit Outline

Essays and Proofs

Issue of 1879

Issue of 1881-1882

Issue of 1882

Issue of 1883

Issue of 1887

ABN Co. Cancelled Aboard

Mexican Steamers

Issue of 1888

Issue of 1890-1893



5c brown Grant
block of 4
trial color proof on wove paper

Better Items are Outlined in Gray